

CHILDERS DIES BRAVELY

Government Files War Fraud Suits

SOCIETY BRIDE, ESTRANGED, IS FOUND LIVING IN ATTIC

FILES WAR FRAUDS SUITS

Attorney General Daugherty
Moves to Recover Millions
on Cantonments.

By W. H. ATKINS,
International News Service.
After an investigation of war
contract frauds lasting more than
a year and a half, Attorney Gen-
eral Daugherty this afternoon
announced the filing in four cities
of civil suits to recover more than
\$20,000,000 alleged to have been
fraudulently obtained from the
Government in connection with
the construction of army canton-
ments during the war.

Other suits to be filed by the
Government will bring the total
amount to be recovered to more
than \$78,000,000.

Exclusive announcement that
these suits were to be filed was
made by International News
Service, this morning.

Four Suits Entered.

The cantonments involved and
the contracting firms against whom
action was taken today are as fol-
lows:

Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I.,
Thompson-Starrett Company,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.,
Hardaway Contracting Company,
Columbia, S. C.
Camp Sherman, Chillicothe,
Ohio, Bentley & Sons, Columbus,
Ohio.
Camp Funston, Fort Riley,
Ark. George A. Fuller Company,
Topeka, Kan.

The amount claimed by the Gov-
ernment in each case is:

Camp Upton, \$6,000,000; Camp
Jackson, \$5,000,000; Camp Sher-
man, \$5,000,000; Camp Funston,
\$4,000,000. Total, \$21,000,000.

ENGLAND HEARS RADIO SENT BY U. S. AMATEURS

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 24.—A
radiogram was received yesterday at
the headquarters of the American
Radio Relay League in this city giv-
ing the names of twenty-three Amer-
ican amateur stations whose mes-
sages were copied in England on
November 19, breaking all previous
transatlantic records.

Y. W. P. Evans, secretary of the
Wireless Society of Manchester,
England, personally copied messages
from the stations.

Stations as far west as California
were heard, with several others from
the Middle West.

Fred H. Schnell, traffic director of
the league, which now has over 8,000
amateur radio telegraphic stations
in its membership, predicted that at
least 100 American stations would
cross the Atlantic during the Decem-
ber tests.

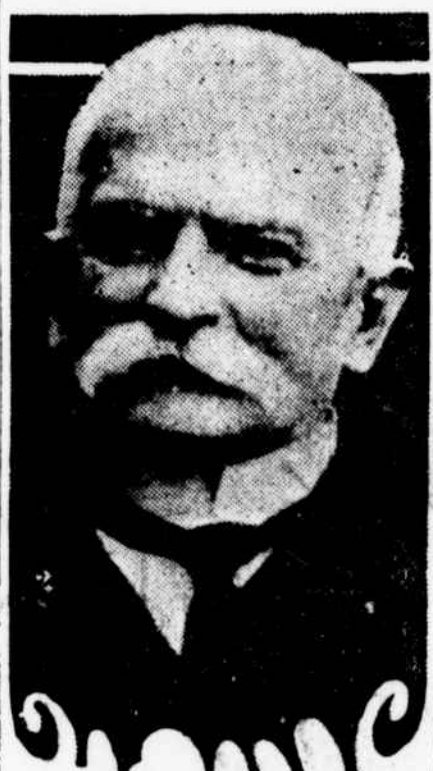
HUNGER STRIKER CHARGED WITH KILLING, ENDS FAST

SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 23.—
Lee M. Charge, in jail here on
charges of having killed Deputy
Sheriff Probst at Kannapolis last
Saturday, today decided that hunger
striking and medicine striking isn't
what it's cracked up to be, and con-
sented to take nourishment and re-
ceive medical treatment.

He started his strike against food
and medicines when placed in jail.
Today Charge began to take food
and consented to receive medical
treatment to cure six bullet wounds
from when he is suffering, but
continues silent, according to his
keepers.

During days, he usually talks, often comfort Out-
er speaks. The Carolina. Winston-Salem, N. C.—Adv.

Dead Statesman Who Led Italy At Versailles



Baron Sonnino, former Italian
premier and foreign minister,
yesterday suffered a stroke of
apoplexy, and died this morning.
Baron Sonnino added luster to
his long career as an Italian
statesman by his work at the
Versailles Peace Conference, where
he was recognized as an authority
on economic questions.

NEUTRAL ZONE TO SURROUND THRACE

Turkish Possession to Be De-
militarized is First Demand
of Conference.

By JOHN HADLEY,
International News Service.
LAUSANNE, Nov. 24.—Eastern
Thrace—the slice of European
territory that the Turks obtain as
a result of their military victory
over the Greeks—will be bounded
by a demilitarized zone in which
the Turks may not maintain troops
nor establish forts, it was decided
today by the Near East peace con-
ference subcommittee handling mili-
tary and political affairs.

This subcommittee, which is
headed by General Weygand, chief
of staff to Marshal Foch, was ap-
pointed by the general committee
on military, political and territorial
matters.

It took up the question of demil-
itarization during the morning, leav-
ing Bulgaria's request for a "win-
dow" on the Aegean sea until this
afternoon. The subcommittee was
expected to make a formal report
later.

The friendship shown to Bulgaria
by her former enemies in the war
was one of the surprising results
of the conference so far.

Premier Stambolisky of Bulgaria
made formal request that the port
of Dedeaqan be restored to Bul-
garia along with a territorial
"corridor" connecting the port up
with the southern Bulgarian front-
ier. This petition received support
from the Allies, chiefly Italy, and
the participating Balkan states as
well.

The arrival of M. Vorovsky,
Soviet Russian envoy to Turkey,
has been followed by a series of
developments which indicate that
the Turks and Russians are going
to work hand in glove. There is
belief in some circles that if pres-
ent plans are carried to their con-
clusion, the peace conference may
be followed by an alliance between
the Turks and Russians.

KLAN BILL IS PUT IN HOUSE

Congressman Rainey Asks
Probe of Rumored Meet-
ing in Capitol.

An investigation of the report
that the Ku Klux Klan held ini-
tiation ceremonies in the United
States Capitol was demanded
in the House this afternoon.

Congressman John W. Rainey,
of Illinois, introduced a resolu-
tion providing for a sweeping
inquiry of the report.

Bill Gives Wide Powers.

The bill provides that the investi-
gation be made by a committee of
the House which will have power to
summons any and all witnesses who
might be needed.

A report, current in the Capitol,
that the initiation ceremonies were
held in the office of Congressman
Upshaw of Georgia, was vigorously
denied by Mr. Upshaw's secretary,
who declared the Congressman was
out of town on November 14, the
night the ceremony was said to
have been held.

Capitol officials vigorously deny
the published report that the local
branch of the Knights of the Ku
Klux Klan held initiation cere-
monies in the United States Capitol
Building at midnight on November
14.

A like denial was made by Lieut.
Col. C. O. Sherill, officer in charge
of Public Building and Grounds,
who denied rumors of the Klan's in-
vasion of the State, War and Navy
Buildings.

Call Charges False.

"It would have been impossible
for any such ceremony to have been
held in the Capitol," said Joseph G.
Rogers, sergeant-at-arms of the
House, today.

"The guards who are doing night
duty in the building did not and
would not admit a dozen or more
men," he said. "I have made a
hasty investigation which assures
me that these reports are absolutely
false."

Col. Elliott Wood, superintendent
of the Capitol, emphatically declared
that he did not think there was a
bit of truth in the rumor.

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their efforts on saving the Black
Rock Hotel, a summer resort.

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The importation of alcoholic liquors,
which was prohibited, has now been
authorized, subject to 20 per cent ad
valorem duty.

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been reduced fifteen times the old
duty, to five times the original.

Elected To Throne, But Hasn't Any Subjects



A secret meeting held in Paris
during the past week, which was
attended by the last of the Rus-
sian Czarists, has ended with the
announcement that Grand Duke
Nicholas, shown here, former
commander in chief of the Rus-
sian armies, was elected to the
throne of the late Czar Nicholas.
The group of Russian nobles,
known as the Supreme Council
of Russian Monarchists, are all
that is left of the movement in
favor of restoring Czarism in
Russia.

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D.C. GIRL IN VILLAGE ALONE

Young Wife of W. H. Pickford
Denies Suing Him for
Divorce.

By Cosmopolitan News Service.
NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Cop-
per-haired and hazel-eyed Helen
Burch, who was one of Washing-
ton's most beautiful brides of
the last social season, was busy
today scrubbing out an attic in
Greenwich Village, which she
plans to furnish and heat her-
self, her furnished room being
too cold.

Between scrubs she admitted
she has been separated for some
time from her rich husband, Wil-
liam Henry Pickford, son of a
Washington builder, and confided
she has no present intention of
returning to him.

Husband in California.

Young Pickford, who was attached
during his stay abroad to the Swiss
legation and who is now believed to
be in California, is well known in
diplomatic and social circles. Ted
Noyes, of Washington, was best man
at the wedding.

But despite the fact that he can
offer her luxuries and comfort and
take her from the cold garrets of the
village to a cozy home, Miss Burch
told friends she will stay in the vil-
lage—alone.

"Yes, my husband and I are sepa-
rated," she said today. "I have not
seen him for many months. We were
married last February in Washing-
ton. He is in this country—Califor-
nia, I think—no, it hasn't been as
far back as June since I have seen
him."

"But it is not true that I have in-
stituted divorce proceedings against
him. Nor do I intend to sue him for
divorce, legal separation, alimony, or
anything. We are just separated. I
wish to deny the entire rumor about
our matrimonial break."

Parents are Irritated.

It was ascertained, however, that
Miss Burch has retained I. M.
Sackin, lawyer, of the Knicker-
bocker building, to act for her in
some connection with her separa-
tion from young Pickford.

"I am not at liberty to talk about
the matter," Mr. Sackin said after
admitting he was acting as counsel
for Miss Burch.

Miss Burch before her marriage
was an actress. She is not on the
stage now, but Villager friends of
hers say she has been looking for
a job—meaning a part in a play—
and that she is holding out for a
Broadway engagement, having re-
fused offers to go on the road.



MRS. WILLIAM HENRY PICKFORD.

DEMANDS HUGE PASTOR HANGS CREDIT FOR GERMANY

Chancellor Cuno Asks Freedom
From Versailles Treaty
Obligations.

By S. D. WEYER,
International News Service.
BERLIN, Nov. 24.—Germany
under the new Cuno cabinet will
demand foreign credits of 500,000,
000 gold marks (approximately
\$120,000,000) and four years "com-
plete freedom" from the obliga-
tions of the treaty of Versailles,
Chancellor Wilhelm Cuno an-
nounced in the Reichstag this after-
noon.

The new chancellor said that his
government unconditionally endorses
the German note of November 13
to the inter-allied reparations com-
mission, and was determined to
carry it out.

(This note set forth financial
needs and reforms of Germany and
the conditions upon which Germany
wanted outside help.)

The hope that the United States
"can at last be brought to under-
stand the seriousness of the Ger-
man economic situation and that
American financial interests will as-
sist Germany in meeting her obliga-
tions" was voiced by the chancellor.

"We promise immediate action
for stabilization of the mark," con-
tinued Chancellor Cuno. "Shortly
we shall demand 500,000,000 gold
marks from the Reichstag for that
purpose. We hope to obtain for-
eign credits for the same amount
at the same time."

"It is the government's plan to
stop the importation of all luxu-
ries."

"As to industry, we plan to con-
tinue the eight-hour work day with
some limited exceptions, and will
pulled the lever releasing the trap.
Cuno was pronounced dead thir-
teen minutes later."

Cross and Weeks were executed
for the death of George Fossick,
Des Moines grocer, whom they were
convicted of murdering.

Justified By Bible.

"Whoever shedded a man's
blood, by man shall his blood be
shed," muttered the pastor, just-
ifying his part in the execution.

Cross never flinched during the
execution. His only words on the
scaffold were:

"They're taking pictures out
there."

Cross' one request had been
that no pictures be taken of him
on the scaffold.

The condemned man arose at 6
o'clock this morning and ate a
hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs,
bread, and coffee. Then he held
his last communion, having been
converted a few days ago.

March To Scaffold.

Following that came the solemn
march to the scaffold, beside a
deputy, with the priest walking
behind.

The noose was adjusted around
Cross' neck by Warden Hollowell,
and exactly at 7:30 Sheriff Robb
pulled the lever releasing the trap.
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teen minutes later."

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GENERAL MUIR WILL COMMAND THIRD CORPS

Major Gen. Charles H. Muir will
be relieved from duty with the
Third Division, at Camp Lewis,
Wash., on December 1 and will
assume command of the Third
Corps area, with headquarters at
Baltimore, Md., the War Depart-
ment announced today.

IRREGULAR SILENT AS HE FACES SQUAD

Wife of de Valera Aid Faints
When She Hears Fate in
Jail Yard.

By DANIEL O'CONNELL,
International News Service.
DUBLIN, Nov. 24.—Erskine
Childers, chief aid of Eamonn
de Valera in the Irish Republican
movement, was executed at 7
o'clock this morning by a Free
State firing squad.

Official announcement of the
execution was made shortly after-
ward by the Free State cabinet.
Raw, Foggy Morning.

It was a raw, foggy morning
with a cold wind blowing when
Childers was led from his cell in
the Kilmainham jail on the out-
skirts of the city.

Escorted by a little group of
Free State soldiers, Childers was
quickly taken into the jail yard.

The firing squad was lined up,
a handkerchief was tied across the
face of the rebel leader, and he was
placed with his back against the
wall.

Half a dozen shots rang out.
Childers crumpled up. A doctor
examined him and pronounced him
dead.

Wife Faints At News.

A priest was present and asked
Childers if he wished the last sac-
rament to be administered. Childers
hesitated and then replied that he
did not.

Relatives were not allowed to
visit the condemned man in his
cell and Mrs. Childers did not know
that her husband was dead until
noon, when officially informed by
the commanding adjutant general
of the Free State Army. She
fainted upon hearing the news.

Childers was informed at 8
o'clock Thursday night to prepare
for his death. He was told that
he was to be executed shortly after
daybreak Friday. The prisoner lost
his stoicism for a time and pro-
tested violently against such "sum-
mary proceedings."

Later he calmed down. He was
asked if he wished a clergyman to
remain in his cell throughout the
night to pray with him.

"No," replied Childers. "Do not
send him in."

Persons who saw the execution
said that Childers died "game and
that his courage stayed with him
to the last. He made no plea for
mercy."

Shortly after the execution, a
brief communique was issued, say-
ing:

"Erskine Childers was duly
convicted by a Free State court
martial of possessing arms for
purposes of rebellion against the
Irish government. He was
sentenced to death. The sentence
was confirmed. This morning it
was carried out."

Childers was one of the most ex-
clusive and spectacular leaders
among the Sinn Fein before the
Free State government was created.
After the establishing of the Free
State he threw his lot with de
Valera. Together with a dozen
other active followers they organ-
ized the Irregular army to fight
the Free State, then led by
Michael Collins.

Childers had command of a band
of guerrillas on the West coast
and it was his "troops" that raided
and wrecked several cable stations,
crippling communication between
the United States and northern
Europe.

Childers was captured two weeks
ago near Wicklow, while attending
an Irregular "war council" with
de Valera and several others.

They were understood to be plan-
ning a coup in Dublin at the time.
It is understood that the Free
State army threatened to mutiny
if Childers was relieved.

Many persons believe that the
government does not intend any
further executions—for the time
being, at least.

Appeal For Life Lost.

Childers was brought to Dublin
and secretly tried before a court-
martial. Owing to the secrecy with
which the affair was conducted
and the refusal of the government
to issue any official information,
various rumors arose as to the dis-
position of the guerrilla chieftain.
His sister claimed that he had